Date set for summit

Trump, Putin to meet July 16 in Helsinki; myriad topics on table. – International, 7A

Borderline bonkers

Unlikely scenarios, harmless bullets sink *Sicario: Day of the Soldado*. – Style, 1E

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In the news

■ **Victoria Burgess**, 34, a fire inspector in Pompano Beach, Fla., is believed to be the first woman to use a standup paddleboard to travel from Cuba to Key West, making a 100-mile voyage across the Florida straits in just under 28 hours.

■ **Tammera Goodman**, 56, of Kansas City, Mo., accused of embezzling about $465,000 from her family's restoration business to pay credit-card bills and her mortgage, was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to failing to pay taxes on the stolen money.

■ **Josephine Iyamu**, a nurse who used voodoo rituals as intimidation, was convicted by an English jury of leading a network that charged Nigerian women as much as $44,000 to take them to Germany where they were forced to work as prostitutes until they repaid the debt.

■ **Robert Galen**, 95, of Brunswick, Maine, said he picked up a wooden plank when he saw a rabid fox looking him "right in the eye" just before the 10-pound predator attacked and the two struggled for about 10 minutes until Galen beat it to death.

■ **Howard Hinkle**, 67, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was indicted, accused of fraudulently receiving more than $5.8 million in loans after bank officials, who searched sites in Texas and Oklahoma, couldn't locate any of the 8,000 head of cattle that Hinkle used as collateral.

■ **Danielle Layman**, 38, of Ponca City, Okla., sentenced to more than three years in prison after being convicted of manufacturing the poison ricin in a murder-for-hire plot to kill her ex-husband in Israel, apologized and called the scheme "an elaborate fantasy."

■ **Raphael Sanchez**, 44, former chief counsel for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Seattle, was sentenced to four years in prison for stealing the identities of people facing deportation and using them to run up bills totaling $190,000.

■ **Charles Folk**, 40, of Melbourne, Fla., who called a taxi for a 30-mile ride home after being released from the Brevard County jail where he had been held on a criminal-mischief charge, was returned to jail when he couldn't pay the $70 fare.

■ **Nick Hinrichs**, an attorney for two sisters who reached a $1 million settlement with a Kansas City, Mo., bar where they were handcuffed to a wall when bouncers wrongly thought they had used a counterfeit $50 bill, said he is glad his clients can "finally put this nightmare behind them."

WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK

Today Partly cloudy and hot. **High** 97, winds south at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight Mostly clear and muggy. **Low** 78.

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First lady Melania Trump visits a Border Patrol facility Thursday in Tucson, Ariz., during a trip to meet people directly affected by her husband's immigration policies. *Article, 7A*

575 ralliers arrested at immigration sit-in

Chanters fill D.C. Senate building atrium

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WASHINGTON — Nearly 600 people were arrested by the Capitol Police on Thursday after hundreds of loudly chanting women demonstrated inside a Senate office building against President Donald Trump's treatment of migrant families.

The protests came as demonstrations occurred around the country over the Trump administration's policy of separating children from their parents at the southern U.S. border. Similar rallies are planned Saturday coast to coast.

Women sat on the floor in the 90-foot-tall atrium of the Senate Hart Office Building around Alexander Calder's black metallic *Mountain and Clouds* sculpture. They shouted slogans and cheered for a handful of fist-pumping lawmakers — all Democrats — who waded into the crowd.

"What do we want? Free families!" and "This is what democracy looks like" were among their cries.

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FOUR ARKANSAS mothers are among those arrested Thursday on Capitol Hill. Page 1B.

Hogs heartbreak

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/BEN GOFF

Arkansas Coach Dave Van Horn tries to get an umpire's attention for a pitching change in the third inning of Thursday's game in Omaha. Back home, fans were getting just as frantic.

Fans red-hot for CWS title go home blue

BOB HOLT
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

FAYETTEVILLE — Arkansas Razorbacks fans didn't walk out of Baum Stadium feeling disappointed many times this season.

Thursday night was an exception, and disappointed would probably be putting it mildly.

Devastated might be more accurate.

About 1,500 fans went to Baum Stadium — where the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville baseball team had a 34-4 record this season — for what was called a free "watch party" by the university.

Fans watched ESPN2's telecast of Oregon State's 5-0 victory over Arkansas in the decisive third game of the College World Series championship matchup on the stadium's scoreboard big screen.

The watch party felt more like a wake as the Beavers won a national championship that seemed to be in Arkansas' glove before an improbable rally by Oregon State on Wednesday night.

About 4,000 fans went to Baum Stadium for Wednes-

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Democrats vow fight over pick for high court

GOP's McConnell defends push for quick confirmation

COMPILED BY DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE STAFF FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — A political clash over replacing Justice Anthony Kennedy roared to life in Washington on Thursday, just hours after the Supreme Court announced his retirement.

Democrats and liberal advocacy organizations face enormous challenges if they hope to prevent President Donald Trump and Senate Republicans from installing a conservative justice who could shift the ideological balance of the court for generations.

Trump has vowed to pick from a list of highly conservative jurists, and Republicans control the Senate, which can confirm the president's choice by a simple majority. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky has vowed to move swiftly once Trump announces his choice.

But the potential effect of Kennedy's departure appears to have lit a fire under Democratic lawmakers and liberal activists, who vowed Thursday morning to mount a vigorous fight in the hopes of preserving decades of court precedents on abortion, civil rights, gay rights, affirmative action and the death penalty.

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Armed security 'best' at schools, panel says

But choice up to districts, draft notes

CYNTHIA HOWELL
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

The Arkansas School Safety Commission wrapped up the first stage of its work Thursday, producing a preliminary report that calls in part for every school campus to have some form of armed security when children and staff members are present.

While the commission members called armed security "a best practice" for a school, they also concluded that decisions on using armed security — currently allowed by state law — are to be made on the local school district level.

In addition to information and recommendations on safety officers, the preliminary report — which now goes to Gov. Asa Hutchinson — also includes proposals and information on school safety audits, emergency operation plans, mental health services, threat assessments, communications systems and the "hardening" of school buildings against

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Legislator faces 6 counts of nonpayment of taxes

JAMIE DUNAWAY AND JOHN MORITZ
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE
AND DAVID SHOWERS
THE SENTINEL-RECORD

A state representative from Hot Springs was arrested Thursday on six felony counts of failing to pay state income taxes or file returns.

An Arkansas State Police affidavit said Rep. Michael "Mickey" Gates owes the state almost $260,000 in back taxes, penalties and interest.

Gates was booked into the Garland County jail at 9:41 a.m. and released a short time later on a $1,500 bond. The maximum penalty for a conviction of the Class D felony is six years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

"I will be pleading not guilty to the charges," Gates told *The Sentinel-Record*. "I have been dealing with the authorities in good faith. The filing of criminal charges came as a total surprise. I will not be making any further comment on advice of counsel."

Gates

Gates, a Republican, did not file an individual income tax return with the state from 2003-17, but because of the statute of limitations, the charges are limited to tax years 2012-17, according to a state police affidavit filed in Garland County Circuit Court. The state police said the agency was asked to investigate by Special Prosecuting Attorney Jack Mc-

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Gunman targets newspaper

AP/SUSAN WALSH

Police secure the scene Thursday outside the offices of the *Capital Gazette* newspaper office in Annapolis, Md., where a gunman opened fire, killing four journalists and a sales assistant, and leaving several others injured. Police arrested a suspect identified as 38-year-old Jarrod W. Ramos, who had previously filed a defamation lawsuit against the newspaper. *Article, 2A*